

NO INDICATION
OF ANY TRUCE
AT CHRISTMAS

Italians at War Continue
Their Operations—French
Claim Gain Over a Mile
Front on Hartmanns-
Weilerkopf, but Admit a
Loss on Their Left Wing

RUSSIANS ADVANCE
THROUGH GALICIA

Bulgarians Are Said to Be
Getting Ready for Ad-
vance Through Greece to
Expel the Allies, Who Are
Strengthening Their Posi-
tion at Saloniki

London, Dec. 24.—Many isolated en-
gagements on various fronts have up-
to the predictions of a universal Christmas
truce. Nothing of great importance, how-
ever, has developed.

From Galicia the Russians report suc-
cess in an action against the Austrians
near Trembowla, where there has been
indication recently that the Austrians
and Germans are seeking to strengthen
their lines. Although no activity is re-
ported on the Mesopotamian front, the
Russians are advancing steadily in Per-
sia in an effort to link their forces with
those of their British allies.

On Hartmanns-Weilerkopf the French
claim to have maintained their gains on
a mile front but admit that their left has
been compelled to fall back. The Ger-
mans assert they have retaken the lost
ridge, capturing many prisoners.

Special dispatches to London papers
say the Bulgarians are preparing to in-
vade Greek territory in an effort to ex-
pel the allies from Saloniki. The entente
forces are engaged in strengthening their
positions and express confidence that
there is no immediate prospect of an
offensive against them.

TOTAL CASUALTIES
OF BRITISH 528,227

Premier Asquith Replies to Question by
Member of House of Commons for
the List Up to Dec. 9.

London, Dec. 24.—Replying to a writ-
ten question by P. A. Molten, a member
of the House of Commons, Premier As-
quith to-day gave the total casualties up
to Dec. 9 as 528,227.

The detailed figures of the casualties,
as given by Premier Asquith, corrected the
figures concerning the losses at the
Dardanelles given yesterday in the House
of Commons, the casualties given at the
time up to Dec. 11 being smaller than
the premier gave to-day for the opera-
tions up to Dec. 9.

The killed in all the theatres of the
war, according to Asquith's statement,
number 129,025, divided as follows: Flem-
ish and French, 82,302; Dardanelles,
36,302; other theatres, 11,419. The
wounded in all the theatres total 328,758
and the missing 69,547.

ALL AMERICANS ORDERED OUT.

Told by General Pershing to Leave
Juarez.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 24.—All Americans
were ordered out of Juarez at 8:30 o'clock
last evening. They were ordered to re-
main on the American side by General
Pershing at the same time.

Tramway traffic was discontinued. A
mob was reported to have surrounded the
government financial agency at Juarez
demanding money.

Mrs. Thomas Edwards, wife of the
American consul at Juarez, was the first
American to cross into the United States
following out the order given at military
headquarters. Edwards left for the East
a few days ago.

The United States border patrol im-
mediately was increased and traffic over
the international bridge ceased.
Later in the evening an official of the
de facto government at Juarez tele-
phoned that the situation was under con-
trol. He said there had been trouble
with the soldiers over wage payments.

WANT TO JOIN WITH NEWBURY.

Haverhill, N. H., Would Abolish Toll
Bridge Over the Connecticut.

Woodsville, N. H., Dec. 24.—A special
town meeting was held yesterday in the
town hall at North Haverhill, for the
purpose of deciding whether the town
of Haverhill should join with the town
of Newbury, Vt., in the purchase and
repair of the real estate, easements and
franchises of the Bell bridge, a toll
bridge over the Connecticut river be-
tween Haverhill Corners and South
Newbury.

The bridge is in very bad condition,
having been condemned some time ago.
The town voted to give the selectmen
authority to purchase and repair the
bridge as above stated, provided it could
be purchased and placed in condition for
general traffic at a cost not to exceed
\$1,000.

ENGINEER RAN PAST
ALL DANGER SIGNALS

His Negligence Resulted in Two Deaths
and Injuries to Many Others on
Delaware, Lackawanna &
Western Railroad Last
Night.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—An investiga-
tion of the collision late last night be-
tween two sections of a Delaware, Lack-
awanna & Western train, bound from
New York for Buffalo, which resulted
in two deaths and many injured, is said
by E. M. Rine, general superintendent,
to-day to have been placed on the en-
gineer of the rear section, who, accord-
ing to Supt. Rine, ran past torpedoes and
lighted fuses and also passed automatic
signals for him. Two deaths, both of
colored people, resulted. One of the vic-
tims was a porter and the other was a
passenger, Miss Anna Jones of Ithaca,
N. Y.

DENY DISSENSION RUMOR.

Prominent Britishers Say the Cabinet Is
United.

London, Dec. 24.—The most important
speeches at the closing session of the
House of Commons before the Christmas re-
cess, were made by Lord Robert Cecil,
under secretary for foreign affairs, Wal-
ter Runciman, president of the Board of
Trade, and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the
admiralty.

Lord Robert Cecil's speech was in the
nature of a general defense of the foreign
office. He denied rumors of dissension
in the cabinet, of dissensions among the
allies and of pro-German influence in the
foreign office. He announced that the
foreign office would soon issue a White
Paper stating the principles on which the
British blockade of Germany is based.

TREASON CHARGES.

"Suggestions have been made recently
in various forms that someone in the
foreign office is in the pay of Germany
or at least is a pro-German. This is a
grotesque and serious charge. It shows
that there are some people who are un-
able to stand the strain of war, and be-
come mere hysterical neurotics. When
things are not going right for the mo-
ment, some people think the proper course
is to turn on the men who are trying to
serve their country and shout 'Traitor!'
traitor!"

"This is a disgraceful, un-British state
of things. It is utterly destructive of
the morale of the country and it is the
duty of every patriotic man to step on
these people."

"I assure the house that everything
that could be legitimately done to pre-
vent supplies going into Germany has
been done. One of the members of the
House of Commons has said that the only
way effectively to blockade Germany is
to go to war with the neutral countries
surrounding Germany. I want to say
most frankly that is not the policy of
the government."

"The great difficulty in a blockade is
to discriminate between goods with an
enemy destination and those genuinely
for consumption in neutral countries."

"As to our Balkan policy, the aim
throughout has been to produce in those
unhappy countries unity instead of dis-
cord. The suggestion that the foreign
office rejected an alliance with, or the
assistance of, Greece, is absolutely with-
out foundation."

Mr. Runciman spoke of the steps the
Board of Trade was taking to prepare
for commercial conditions after the war,
beginning with the declaration:

"So far as commerce is concerned, Ger-
many is a beaten nation, and it is for us
that it does not recover."

Mr. Balfour, replying to various speak-
ers who had complained of the shortage
of ships for mercantile purposes, said
that the whole possibility of carrying
on the war rested on the British navy
and its mercantile fleet. He was willing
to confess that there had probably been
some waste of tonnage, but the first busi-
ness of the admiralty was, not to save
tonnage, but to win battles.

"We cannot expect to carry on a war
with the same economy that we manage
the port of Liverpool or Hull," said the
first lord. "The main thing has been to
see that every soldier was supplied with
all necessary to make the best fighting
unit."

He urged that the wisest remedy for
the shortage of tonnage was to go on
with the building of merchant ships,
which he thought should be recognized as
war work, second only to the manufac-
ture of munitions.

RICHMOND WOMAN WINS.

Gets Verdict of \$6,444.57 Against Estate
of Rev. A. J. Barron.

Bennington, Dec. 24.—The jury in the
case of Mrs. Mary A. Freeman of Rich-
mond vs. the executors of the estate of
the late Rev. A. J. Barron, former
pastor of St. Francis de Sales church
of Bennington, yesterday afternoon
brought in a verdict for the claimant to
recover \$6,444.57, the face of a \$6,000
note with interest. The commissioners
refused to allow the claim when present-
ed and the case was taken to county
court. Officials of the diocese are inter-
ested in the case and have made every
effort to trace the money through the
accounts of Father Barron. Counsel for
the executors stated that the search
had revealed nothing to show that dis-
position was made of such a sum.
Shortly before he died, Father Barron
deeded all of his remaining real es-
tate to the church and his estate
amounts to less than \$2,000.

ST. ALBANS MAN WOUNDED.

Arthur C. M. Ray Is with Canadian
Troops in War.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 24.—Arthur C. M.
Ray of St. Albans, Vt., has been seriously
wounded, according to the official com-
munications of the Canadian depart-
ment of the military department last
night.

FORD LEAVES
PEACE PLAN
TO WOMEN

Sailed To-day on Norwegian
Liner for New York—On
Departing from Norwe-
gian Port, He Said the
Work Would Be Continued
by Women's International
Peace Association

ONE REPORT SAYS
FORD IS A SICK MAN

Uninformed of the Intention
of Their Leader, the Other
Members of the Party Go
to Stockholm—Mr. Ford
Stands in Need of a Com-
plete Rest, Say Physicians

Christiania, Norway, via London, Dec.
24.—The Norwegian liner Bergensfjord,
with Henry Ford on board, sailed for
New York this morning. Ford stated be-
fore leaving Bergen that the peace ex-
pedition would continue under the aus-
pices of the Women's International Peace
association.

Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, dean of St.
Paul's cathedral in Detroit, sailed with
Ford.
Before leaving here Ford gave out a
statement saying: "I am satisfied with
what has been accomplished in Christiania.
Peace has been given publicity. The
newspapers have power to end the war,
for it is through publicity that the gos-
pel of peace is spread."

London, Dec. 24.—The Christiania cor-
respondent of the Reuters' Telegram com-
pany in a dispatch dated to-day, says
that Henry Ford has ordered two cabins
on the Norwegian liner, Bergensfjord,
which sails for the United States to-
day. Ford is known to be on a train
for Bergen which will reach there be-
fore the departure of the steamer.

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 24.—
A dispatch to the National Tidende from
Christiania says Henry Ford left Chris-
tiania secretly for Bergen, where he ex-
pected to go aboard the Norwegian
American line steamer, Bergensfjord, in
order to return to the United States.
The dispatch reports that Mr. Ford made
this sudden departure because his doc-
tor had ordered him to rest his over-
worked nerves.

The remainder of the expedition ignor-
ant of Mr. Ford's departure left for
Stockholm yesterday, the dispatch says.
Ford's departure apparently marks
the termination in an original form of
the most novel of the peace expeditions
undertaken to bring about the end of the
war. The announcement that the woman's
association heretofore will conduct the
expedition seems to indicate that as far
as he is personally concerned he will
relinquish the self-imposed task which
he expressed in the phrase, "Out of the
trenches by Christmas."

Before the peace ship Oscar II. reached
the other side, there were reports of dis-
sension among the peace delegates, and
when Ford reached Christiania he kept in
the background, it being said that he was
ill. Not until last night, however, had
the unconfirmed reports that he had quit
the party reached here.

Although full details were not received,
it appears that Ford made his departure
secretly, as most of the peace delegates,
at the time they left Christiania for
Stockholm were unaware that he was
not accompanying them. It was said
that his sudden departure was due to the
fact that his physician had ordered Ford
to rest.

LEFT CHECK FOR \$275,000
With Which to Finance the Enterprise,
It Is Said.

London, Dec. 24.—A Copenhagen dis-
patch to the Exchange Telegraph com-
pany says that Ford left a check for
about \$275,000 to finance the expedition.
The dispatch adds: "He left because he
recognized that it was impossible to
make headway. His party was always
at loggerheads. When Ford found that
all official doors were closed, he broke
down."

REPLY TO BE SENT SOON.

AN Austria Is Taking Kindly to Second
American Note.

Vienne, via London, Dec. 24.—In all
quarters the reaction is now exten-
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EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

Brought Against W. Scott McCarthy
Who Makes Re-appearance.

Burlington, Dec. 24.—A warrant made
out by State's Attorney T. E. Hopkins
was served on W. Scott McCarthy by
Deputy Sheriff Henry Todd, charging the
embezzlement of \$3,500 from the E. A.
Strout Farm agency, of which agency
Mr. McCarthy was manager at Essex
Junction up to about the first of last
November, when he disappeared from
his office at Essex Junction, his disap-
pearance causing much comment at the
time because of the fact that his sten-
ographer, Miss Charlotte M. Irish, left
Essex Junction at about the same time.
Mr. McCarthy was taken into city court
late in the afternoon and held in
at \$4,000 which he was unable to fur-
nish last night, but which he expects to
obtain to-day. Mr. McCarthy has been
at Essex since December 1.

Mr. McCarthy says the case against
him was pushed by the Strout agency
merely on a technical point to comply
with the terms of the company in which
Mr. McCarthy was bonded for about \$11,
000. The Strout agency had to prove
that action against him had been brought
before they could collect from the bond-
ing company. The Strout agency, he
said, was on good terms with him and
had made him an offer of employment
in one of their New Jersey offices, and
it was their intention to prosecute only
far enough to comply with the terms of
the bonding company.

According to Mr. McCarthy's state-
ment his action last October was brought
about by financial stress and he left
because it was necessary to have time
to think out his business complications.
When he left Essex Junction six weeks
ago he took an ocean trip to the West
Indies. Miss Irish, who left at about
the same time, went to stay with relatives
in Connecticut, where she has since
been up to a short time ago, when she
went to Essex Center, where she is a
sister in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mc-
Carthy.

Mr. McCarthy returned to Essex about
the first of December. Previous to com-
ing to Essex as manager for the Strout
Farm agency, he was in business in Wat-
erbury. Mr. McCarthy gave it as his
opinion last evening that about \$1,200
would settle the case against him.

RECEIVER IS NAMED

To Settle Liquid Incident to Transfer of
Barre Pure Spring Water Co.

As the result of a hearing held Tues-
day before Chancellor E. L. Waterman
at Chelsea, a temporary injunction has
been issued by the judge to Charles E.
Heald and Addie M. Heald of Barre re-
straining W. W. Sutton, Alice A. Sutton,
Elizabeth A. S. Perry and the Perry Real
Estate agency of Barre from disposing of
a farm in Braintree which was valued at
\$10,000 by the orators and conveyed to
Sutton on Dec. 3, through the Perry
agency. The injunction does not become
operative until a bond of \$500 is filed
with County Clerk L. C. Moody of Wash-
ington county court and this forenoon
such a bond had not been filed.

Application was made by the above
named orators at the same time for the
appointment of a receiver for the Barre
Pure Spring Water company and Chan-
cellor Waterman has filed an order nam-
ing Heman E. Reynolds of Barre receiver,
he to file a \$500 bond.

The orators claim that last month
C. W. Perry of the Perry Real Estate
agency represented to them that W. W.
Sutton was the owner of the Barre Pure
Spring Water company and that he had
owned the stock of the company for one
year. Through Mr. Perry a deal was
arranged whereby the orators transferred
the Braintree farm property to W. W.
Sutton and Alice Sutton in exchange for
the spring water company and paid to
the Suttons \$2,733.54 and the sum of
\$250 was paid to the real estate concern,
the orators receiving in exchange the
property and rights of the water com-
pany. The orators represent that upon
investigation they found the allegation
of the defendants that the water concern
was supplying 130 families to be false;
that the said W. W. Sutton had owned
the company but four months.

In making a plea for the temporary in-
junction, the orators, through their coun-
sel, R. A. Hoar, ask that the defendants
may be decreed to recover the stock,
personal property and money involved in
the deal to the orators and that damages
be named by the court, including the ex-
pense of the orators moving from Ran-
dolph to Barre.

The defendants, through their attor-
ney, S. Hollister Jackson, make reply to
the allegations of the orators and assert
that the farm is worth but \$7,500 and
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They insist that the water concern was
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They insist that the water concern was
supplying 130 families to be false; that
the said W. W. Sutton had owned the
company but four months.

YULETIDE JOY
WAS TYPIFIED

Bright Lights Dissipated the
Gloom and Sweet Carols
Borne on Night Air

COMMUNITY TREE
ATTRACTED CROWD

John W. Gordon Delivered a
Short Talk Appropriate
to the Occasion

Barre celebrated in fitting Yuletide
fashion the local inception of the com-
munity Christmas tree idea last evening.
Gathered about the stately fir tree, bur-
geoning with myriads of colorful incan-
descent lights and surmounted by a shin-
ing star of Bethlehem, was one of the
largest crowds that has gathered here-
abouts in some time. Carol singing in
the fine, old, heartwarming strain, and
brief speeches